I have been an XM subscriber for a little under a year now. About 3 months ago they began providing local weather and traffic. The first time I tuned to it, I could not believe that they actually reported traffic problems in the area I live in! For most of my 31 years I have lived here, I think that I can count on one hand the amount of times the local stations have said anything about the roads I travel. I love the service XM provides and would gladly pay more for it if I had to. I do however at this time still listen to the local stations while I'm at work, but that soon will change. I am growing more tired of the blandness of radio everyday, now this pathetic attempt to force XM to cease, "local programming", is infuriating! I know I am just one person, but I will be boycotting these shills that try to forcefeed me the same 5 songs over and over, trying to convince me that I like them. Maybe they should spend more time and energy making their product better, then they might not have to be so afraid of losing more, "consumers"!